Playground Information Resources

National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI)

The National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) is sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). NPSI's mission is to promote children's rights to play in a safe environment and to nationally promote the importance of play in their development. The NPSI promotes the latest public playground industry standards and guidelines as the most desirable standard of care for public-use playgrounds. For a listing of playground related publications available through NRPA contact:

National Recreation and Park Association 22377 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn, Virginia 20148 (703) 858-0784 · www.nrpa.org

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

For a free copy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Handbook for Public Playground Safety (325) contact:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Washington, D.C. 20207 (800) 638-2772 · www.cpsc.gov

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) developed a standard for the manufacturing of public playground equipment entitled "Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use." For a copy of this standard, contact the ASTM and ask for the F 1487-01 Standard.

American Society for Testing and Materials 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959 (610) 832-9500 · <u>www.astm.org</u>

International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA)

The International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the importance of play in the development of children, to encourage the creation of safer play environments, and to provide a voluntary third-party certification program to validate conformance to the ASTM 1487 Playground Equipment Standard and the ASTM 1292 Playground Surfacing Standard.

International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) 8300 Colesville Road, Suite 250, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (800) 395-5500 · www.ipema.org